

GENERAL ORDER NO. 02-4

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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BY *Peggy Thompson*  
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**GENERAL ORDER ASSIGNING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTIONS**

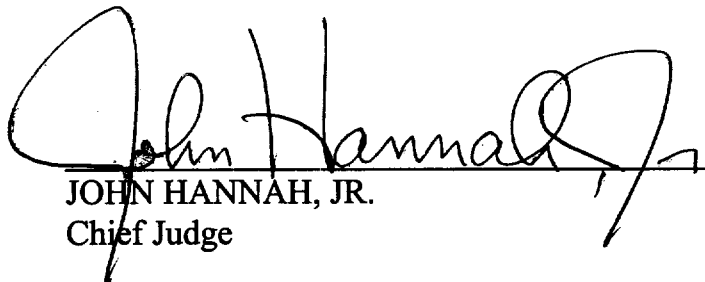
In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 137 and the agreement of the judges affected hereby, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately, all civil and criminal actions which are filed shall be assigned to individual judges of this district in the proportions listed below:

DISTRICT JUDGE	CASELOAD
CHIEF JUDGE JOHN HANNAH, JR.	Civil = 20% of Tyler & 90% of Lufkin Criminal = Same percentages as civil
JUDGE RICHARD A. SCHELL	Civil = 36% of Beaumont & 10% of Sherman Criminal = Same percentages as civil
JUDGE THAD HEARTFIELD	Civil = 37% of Beaumont & 10% of Lufkin Criminal = Same percentage as civil
JUDGE DAVID FOLSOM	Civil = 90% of Texarkana & 20% of Marshall Criminal = 100% of Texarkana
JUDGE T. JOHN WARD	Civil = 80% of Marshall & 10% of Texarkana Criminal = 100% of Marshall
JUDGE LEONARD DAVIS	Civil = 30% of Tyler, 35% of Sherman, 100% of Paris Criminal = Same percentages as civil
SENIOR JUDGE WILLIAM M. STEGER	Civil = 50% of Tyler Criminal = Same percentage as civil
SENIOR JUDGE HOWELL COBB	Civil = 27% of Beaumont Criminal = Same percentage as civil
SENIOR JUDGE PAUL BROWN	Civil = 55% of Sherman Criminal = Same percentage as civil

This order supercedes General Order 01-18 and all previous general orders assigning civil and criminal actions.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

**FOR THE COURT:**

  
JOHN HANNAH, JR.  
Chief Judge

GENERAL ORDER NO. 02-5

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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BY Peggy ThompsonGENERAL ORDER RE: DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF  
CASES AMONG UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES

It is hereby **ORDERED** that matters referred and assigned to United States Magistrate Judges in this district shall be directed and apportioned as follows:

**I. Division Assignments**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Magistrate Judge</u>
✓ Beaumont	Hon. Earl Hines (50%) ✓ Hon. Wendell C. Radford (50%) ✓
Lufkin	Hon. Harry W. McKee (50%) ✓ Hon. Judith K. Guthrie (50%) ✓
Texarkana	Hon. Caroline Craven (100%) ✓
Marshall	Hon. Harry W. McKee (Civil 50%) Hon. Caroline Craven (Criminal 100%, Civil 50%) ✓
Sherman and Paris	Hon. Robert W. Faulkner (100%) ✓
Tyler	Hon. Harry W. McKee (50%) ✓ Hon. Judith K. Guthrie (50%) ✓

**II. Apportionment**

In divisions served by more than one magistrate judge, matters shall be referred and assigned as follows:

**A. Civil Cases:**

1. Prisoner suits shall be referred at the time of filing equally among magistrate judges with concurrent civil case responsibilities except as specified above. Prisoner suits shall automatically be assigned to the magistrate judge to whom the case originally was referred when parties consent to trial and entry of judgment by a magistrate judge.
2. All other civil matters shall be referred or assigned randomly except as specified above or unless a specific order of the court directs

otherwise.

**B. Criminal Cases:**

1. Magistrate judges shall rotate responsibilities for handling unscheduled matters and cases processed through the Central Violations Bureau (CVB) so that each has equal duty time.
2. Except when governed by General Order 93-6:
  - a. Class A misdemeanor cases shall be assigned randomly to a magistrate judge when the case is filed except as specified above.
  - b. Class B and Class C misdemeanors and infractions, except CVB cases, shall be assigned to the duty magistrate judge at the time of defendants first appearance in this district.

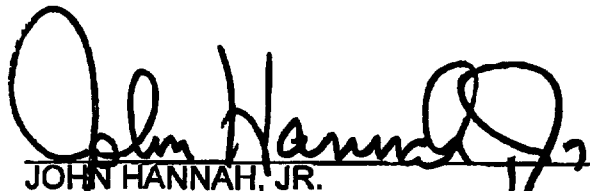
**III. Miscellaneous**

- A. Assignment of additional duties to magistrate judges will be made as deemed appropriate.
- B. Transfers between magistrate judges to equalize dockets and for other appropriate reasons shall be entered from time to time upon concurrence of the transferee judge.
- C. This order is effective as of the date signed and supersedes all prior general orders governing divisional assignments and allocation of duties of magistrate judges. Individual district judges ad hoc and standing orders governing specific referrals and assignments of cases to magistrate judges are unaffected by this order.

This general order supercedes General Order 01-11.

SIGNED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

FOR THE COURT:

  
JOHN HANNAH, JR.  
Chief Judge